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Status

1)☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-37* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-37* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date *10/29/03*.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-37 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Slotznick [US 6,108,640].

Regarding claim 1, Slotznick discloses a program product operable on a computer comprising: a computer-usable medium; wherein the computer usable medium comprises instructions for a computer [abstract] to perform steps comprising: displaying a time period for a calendar system [figure 5, 104]; determining if a generic event date occurs between a first generic date and a last generic date [figure 5, 80]; responsive to the determination that the generic event date occurs between the first generic date and the last generic date, determining if the generic event date is in a date caching file [figure 5, 102]; responsive to the determination that the generic event date is not in the date caching file, translating the generic event date into an event date; displaying the event date on the time period; wherein the first generic date is the generic date for a first date displayed on the time period; and wherein the last generic date is

the generic date for a last date displayed on the time period [figure 5, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110].

Regarding claim 2, Slotznick discloses wherein the steps further comprise: responsive to the determination that the generic event date is in the date caching file, reading the event date for the generic event date from the date caching file [figure 5, 102, 104].

Regarding claim 3, Slotznick discloses wherein the steps further comprise: determining whether the first date on the time period is in the date caching file [figure 5, 102]; responsive to the determination that the first date on the time period is in the date caching file, reading the generic first date for the first date from the date caching file [figure 5, 104]; responsive to the determination that the first date on the time period is not in the date caching file, translating the first date into the first generic date; determining whether the last date on the time period is in the date caching file; responsive to the determination that the last date on the time period is in the date caching file, reading the last generic date for the last date from the date caching file; and responsive to the determination that the last date on the time period is not in the date caching file, calculating the last generic date for the last date [figure 5, 106, 108, 110].

Regarding claim 4, Slotznick discloses wherein the calendar system is a custom calendar system, wherein a user can define the name and length of a year, a month, a week, and a day in the custom calendar system [abstract, lines 1-9].

Regarding claim 5, Slotznick discloses wherein the calendar system is a Gregorian calendar system [abstract, lines 3-4].

Regarding claim 6, Slotznick discloses wherein the calendar system is a non-Gregorian calendar system [abstract, line 4].

Regarding claim 7, Slotznick discloses a program product operable on a computer comprising: a computer-usable medium; wherein the computer usable medium [abstract] comprises instructions for a computer to perform steps comprising: determining whether a date is a generic date [figure 5, 80]; responsive to the determination that the date is not a generic date, determining if the date is in a date caching file [figure 5, 82]; responsive to the determination that the date is not in a date caching file, translating the date into the generic date; and saving the generic date with an event in an events file [figure 5, "intelligent agent learning modules"].

Regarding claim 8, Slotznick further comprising: accepting user input of the date; and accepting user input of the event [figure 5, 84].

Regarding claim 9, Slotznick further comprising: responsive to the determination that the date is in the date caching file, reading the generic date for the date from the date caching file [figure 5, 104].

Regarding claim 10, Slotznick discloses wherein the date is from a custom calendar system, wherein a user can define the name and length of a year, a month, a week, and a day in the custom calendar system [abstract and also figure 5, "intelligent agent learning modules"].

Regarding claim 11, Slotznick discloses wherein the date is from a Gregorian calendar system [abstract, lines 3-4].

Regarding claim 12, Slotznick discloses wherein the date is from a non-Gregorian calendar system [abstract, line 4].

Regarding claim 13, Slotznick discloses a program product operable on a computer comprising: a computer-usable medium [abstract]; wherein the computer usable medium comprises instructions for a computer to perform steps comprising: an event conversion program [figure 7], wherein the event conversion program translates an event date into a generic event date; and a display program, wherein the display program displays a time period for a calendar system with the event if the event occurs within the time period [as shown in figure 13].

Regarding claim 14, Slotznick discloses wherein the event conversion program comprises steps comprising: determining whether the date is a generic date [figure 5, 78]; responsive to the determination that the date is not the generic date, determining if the date is in a date caching file [figure 5, 80]; responsive to the determination that the date is not in a date caching file, translating the date into the generic date; and saving the generic date with an event in an events file [figure 5, , "intelligent agent learning modules"].

Regarding claim 15, Slotznick further comprising: accepting user input of the date; and accepting user input of the event [figure 5, 84, 86, 88].

Regarding claim 16, Slotznick further comprising: responsive to the determination that the date is in the date caching file, reading the generic date for the date from the date caching file [figure 5, 104].

Regarding claim 17, Slotznick discloses wherein the date is from a custom calendar system [figure 5, 102].

Regarding claim 18, Slotznick discloses wherein the date is from a Gregorian calendar system [abstract, lines 3-4].

Regarding claim 19, Slotznick discloses wherein the date is from a non-Gregorian calendar system [abstract, line 4].

Regarding claim 20, Slotznick discloses wherein the display program comprises steps comprising: displaying the time period for the calendar system [figure 5, 104]; determining if the generic event date occurs between a first generic date and a last generic date [figure 5, 102]; responsive to the determination that the generic event date occurs between the first generic date and the last generic date, determining if the generic event date is in a date caching file figure 5, 102]; responsive to the determination that the generic event date is not in the date caching file [figure 5, 106 - 108], translating the generic event date into the event date; displaying the event date on the time period wherein the first generic date is the generic date for a first date displayed on the time period; and wherein the last generic date is the generic date for a last date displayed on the time period [figure 5, 110].

Regarding claim 21, Slotznick discloses wherein the steps further comprise: responsive to the determination that the generic event date is in the date caching file,

reading the event date for the generic event date from the date caching file [figure 5, 80-102-104].

Regarding claim 22, Slotznick discloses wherein the steps further comprise: determining whether the first date on the time period is in the date caching file [figure 5, 80-102]; responsive to the determination that the first date on the time period is in the date caching file, reading the generic first date for the first date from the date caching file [figure 5, 102-104]; responsive to the determination that the first date on the time period is not in the date caching file, translating the first date into the first generic date; determining whether the last date on the time period is in the date caching file; responsive to the determination that the last date on the time period is in the date caching file, reading the last generic date for the last date from the date caching file; and responsive to the determination that the last date on the time period is not in the date caching file, calculating the last generic date for the last date [figure 5, 110-112-114-116-118-120-122].

Regarding claim 23, Slotznick disclsoes wherein the calendar system is a custom calendar system, wherein a user can define the name and length of a year, a month, a week, and a day in the custom calendar system [figure 5, , "intelligent agent learning modules"].

Regarding claim 24, Slotznick discloses wherein the calendar system is a Gregorian calendar system [abstract, lines 3-4].

Regarding claim 25, Slotznick discloses wherein the calendar system is a non-Gregorian calendar system [abstract, line 4].

Regarding claims 26-37, the method steps are inherent to the above disclosed limitations.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Feinberg et al. [US 7,349,920] discloses a simultaneous display of multiple calendar systems; Shih [US 5,764,597] discloses an electronic calendar.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THANH S. PHAN whose telephone number is (571)272-2109. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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